

City of Rockville Environment Commission
Watersheds Committee (WC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 18, 2011
Blue Crab, Rockville City Hall
7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Julie Palakovich-Carr, Anne Goodman, Steve Cardon, Joe Arrowsmith, Environmental Management staff member Amanda Matheny

1. Environment Commission (EC) Report:

- Julie Palakovich-Carr reported:
 - The Environment Commission held its annual retreat on October 15, 2011. At the meeting a large list of projects were brainstormed. Prioritization of projects was not conducted, however, this task will be conducted via e-mail.

2. Environmental Mgmt. Division Report:

- Amanda Matheny reported:
 - Fall stream cleanups are in full swing. Recently, a number of businesses in Rockville have taken on stream segments as part of the Adopt a Stream program. In some cases the businesses have invited the local community to assist with the stream cleanup, and this has resulted in some great publicity for the program. We continue to promote the program and motivate groups to adopt available segments.
 - October 22, 2011 is scheduled for a large-scale stream cleanup effort at three sites in Rockville (including the Maryvale site). Promotion of these events has gone through the city website, Facebook, direct e-mail to environmental volunteers as well as participation at the Hoover Middle School volunteer fair.
 - SOS stream monitoring has been completed for this fall. The weather was beautiful the entire weekend and we saw a great turnout of volunteers for each site. All components of monitoring were successfully completed at each site. Off hand, the data collected looks relatively similar to previous monitoring sessions, however, all of the data still needs to be compiled and dropped in to the annual report.

3. Discussion: Sustainable Maryland Certified

The Environment Commission has agreed to assist staff in putting together the necessary components for the Sustainable Maryland Certified program, a joint initiative of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League. The certification program will allow Rockville to highlight its sustainability efforts, but will also allow Rockville to identify areas of future program development. The Watersheds Committee will play a significant role in defining a number of criteria under the program including, but not limited to, Watershed Stewardship, Stormwater Management, Water Conservation, Tree City USA, and Pet Waste. Assistance in brainstorming and Innovative Demonstration Projects are also included.

4. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Steps:

- The Watersheds Committee will lead the October 22, 2011 stream cleanup at Maryvale Park.
- Amanda Matheny will continue promoting Adopt a Stream adoptions.
- Amanda Matheny will prepare materials for the next meeting related to Sustainable Maryland Certified.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.